GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
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ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES UNDER NCES
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages proposed to be electrified in the country under non-conventional energy sources during 2001-2002 State-wise ;

(b) the amount earmarked for this purpose during the said period, State-wise;

(c) the details of the agencies that have been entrusted this task; and

(d) the time by which the electrification is expected to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a)&(b): The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources proposes to implement a programme for the electrification of villages in remote and difficult areas which cannot be electrified through conventional grid extension. State Governments have been asked to send lists of such villages. It is proposed to initiate implementation of this programme in about 500 villages during 2001-2002. A provision of Rs.20 crores for this purpose has been included in the budget of the Ministry for this year. State-wise allocation of targets and funds has not been done at this stage.

(c): The programme is to be implemented mainly by the renewable energy agencies and other organizations of the State Governments. Panchayats, Co-operatives, Corporate bodies and NGOs are also likely to be associated with this task.

(d): It is proposed that all the remote villages should be electrified by the end of the 11th plan i.e. March, 2002.